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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 30 Oct 1994 19:17:17 GMT
From: eckman@eos1.larc.nasa.gov (Richard Eckman)
Subject: 4U9U - where is he located?

I head a station operating in the contest today signing
4U9U in CQ zone 36, which would place him in southern
Africa. Despite sticking around for awhile, he never gave

his country. I assume that this is a UN employee, but
does anyone know where he was operating from?

Richard Eckman K04MR
NASA Langley
eckman@eos1.larc.nasa.gov

Date: 30 Oct 1994 14:33:07 -0500
From: rbellville@aol.com (RBellville)
Subject: Any info about Box Products, Inc.?

Does anyone have any experience with Box Products, Inc.? I am especially
interested in their VOX controllers and wondered whether anyone has ever
used one. Any magazine product reviews?

Thanks,

Rob, N1NTE

Date: 31 Oct 1994 07:04:37 -0600
From: pvr@wg.icl.co.uk (Phil Rose)
Subject: Call Sign ID

Jeff NH6IL writes:-
start quote

In article <783096068snz@g8sjp.demon.co.uk> ip@g8sjp.demon.co.uk writes:

>John, I don't know what your ethnic origins are, and what linguistic rules
>you may or may not apply when deciding which would be correct. Unless I'm
>mistaken (and I'm sure that there are plenty of folks who will be ready to
>correct me if that is the case) American English is considerably predated
>by the version of the dialect spoken in England. If the inhabitants of the
>United States have chosen to corrupt the English language, then so be it.

>

>Oh - by the way - just how long, exactly, have you been a bigot?

Oh Iain, we were just kidding about throwing another tea party!
No need to get so defensive. [Or do you folks spell that 'defencive'?]

And to whomever said Americans pronounce 'z' incorrectly ('zee')
please show us your (U.S.) primary school teaching credentials.

Jeff NH6IL

End of quote

Actually American English has remained closer to our common heritage than British English (or at least that version spoken in the South of the country).

Phil G3ZZA and that's with a pair of zulus.

Date: 30 Oct 1994 00:28:37 GMT
From: ad779@detroit.freenet.org (John Hughes)
Subject: Call Sign ID

I think that to refer to a British pronunciation as "fancy" is very parochial. The Zed pronunciation is the way the British pronounce it, and since British English pre-dates the American variety by several hundred years, I suggest that if anybody is being fancy, it is the Americans with Zee!....Said Peter Jones

My apology to anyone the characterization of "fancy" offended. I wonder though if your sensitivity was bruised, why you felt the need to reply in perceived kind.

Also, its not anything the british say that i consider fancy. It's pretentious adoptions by others for effect that can be amusing. Zed for Z in call identification does not fall into that category. I don't care how the british pronounce it. It's usefulness in differentiation from c and other similar letters justifies its usage.

Finally, I can be parochial since I went to catholic schools (joke, if you didn't get it....

Regards...KE4RRG...John Hughes

Date: Sat, 29 Oct 1994 05:39:07 GMT
From: andyb@indy.net (Andy Birkhead)
Subject: ccats130.zip - CountyCAT: Ham Radio county hunting database

I have uploaded to SimTel, the Coast to Coast Software Repository (tm), (available by anonymous ftp from the primary mirror site OAK.Oakland.Edu

and its mirrors):

SimTel/msdos/hamradio/
ccats130.zip CountyCAT: Ham Radio county hunting database

CountyCAT is a small, easy to use database to aid county hunters in their quest for the CQ County hunters award. It will track your progress and help you with the messy paperwork that plagues all ham radio awards. CountyCAT is not a logging program, there are many good loggers on the market. It is a database designed to work alongside your favorite logger.

Special requirements: Hard drive recommended

Changes: Improved the error handling. Made numerous cosmetic changes.

ccats130.zip has replaced ccats120.zip.

ShareWare. Uploaded by the author

Andy Birkhead
andyb@indy.net

Date: Fri, 28 Oct 1994 18:27:03 GMT
From: rdidonna@liberty.uc.wlu.edu (Richard F. DiDonna)
Subject: Contests

I heard that there is a reader which is related almost exclusively to contests. Anybody know where that subscriber group might be??

Rich DiDonna Ki6ZH

rdidonna@wlu.edu

Date: Sat, 29 Oct 1994 23:23:28 GMT
From: alanb@hpnmarb.sr.hp.com (Alan Bloom)
Subject: DX Palindrome (was CW Palindrome Game!)

Arthur Chandler (arthurc@crl.com) wrote:

: The other night, while going nuts studying for the code exam, I began
: to wonder about Morse code Palindromes -- words or sentences for which
: the dots and dashes would be symmetrical around a center. ...

Here's a palindrome that's DX-related:

Name a DXCC country where the term used to refer
to the inhabitants is a palindrome.

AL N1AL

Date: Fri, 28 Oct 1994 09:45:11 GMT
From: ikluft@oes.amdahl.com (Ian Kluft)
Subject: How to find the answers to frequently-asked questions about Ham Radio

Posted-By: auto-faq 3.1.1.4
Archive-name: ham-faq-ptr

How to find the Rec.radio.amateur.misc Frequently Asked Questions list

This article will tell you how to find the answers to frequently-asked Questions (FAQ) from rec.radio.amateur.misc. The FAQ articles are posted on the 7th and 21st of each month. This article is posted on the 14th and 28th of every month as a reminder of where to find the FAQ.

The FAQ articles are intended to summarize some common questions on the rec.radio.amateur.misc newsgroup and Info-Hams mail list as well as to help beginners get started.

Besides the monthly posting, the FAQ is always available via anonymous FTP and from e-mail servers. This article contains instructions for obtaining a copy of the FAQ. It also contains the table of contents from the FAQ so that you know which questions are covered by it.

Please provide a copy of the FAQ to any new or soon-to-be Hams you know.

Regular FAQ postings can help save network bandwidth and maintain a good signal-to-noise ratio in the newsgroup. However, they can't do it alone - you, the reader, have to use them. If you are a new user, please print and review the FAQ articles and look at the instructions in the news.newusers newsgroup before posting any articles. If you are an experienced user, please help by refraining from answering frequently-asked questions on the newsgroup if they are already answered by the FAQ articles. Instead, send e-mail to the user who asked the question. (It will be helpful if you include the part of the FAQ that answers their question, but not the whole thing.)

--How to obtain a current copy of the FAQ-----

There are 7 ways to obtain a copy of the FAQ.

- 1) World-Wide Web (WWW) and Mosaic
- 2) NetNews
- 3) Anonymous FTP
- 4) An Electronic Mail Server
- 5) Mail List Subscription
- 6) Gopher
- 7) Wide Area Information Server (WAIS)

Option #1: World-Wide Web (WWW) and Mosaic

The World-Wide Web (WWW) has experienced explosive growth in usage in 1993 and 1994. WWW clients like Lynx (in ASCII text) or Mosaic (X/Mac/Windows) can display the FAQ from many different sources. Each source is named by a URL (uniform resource locator.) If you are one of the growing numbers of people with Internet access, Option #1 is your choice. The following URL can be used to find the FAQ:

<http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/radio/ham-radio/faq/top.html>

Other services listed later in this article are also accessible with WWW at the following URLs:

news:rec.radio.info
file://ftp.amdahl.com/pub/radio/amateur
file://ftp.cs.buffalo.edu/pub/ham-radio
file://rtfm.mit.edu/pub/usenet/news.answers/radio/ham-radio/faq
file://grivel.une.edu.au/pub/ham-radio/buffalo/ham-radio
file://nic.funet.fi/pub/ham/info
gopher://cc1.kuleuven.ac.be/
gopher://jupiter.sun.csd.unb.ca/
gopher://gopher.univ-lyon1.fr/
gopher://ftp.win.tue.nl/
gopher://gopher.win.tue.nl/
wais://rtfm.mit.edu/usenet

For more information on WWW, see the comp.infosystems.www newsgroup. Also, the help options on your WWW client should be able to point you to lots of information all over the world.

Option #2: NetNews

If you are familiar enough with NetNews to look through previous articles on your system, Option #2 above may be the easiest for you. The FAQ is posted so that it should not expire from your site's news spool until the next one is posted. Unfortunately, some news administrators do not honor the expiration dates meant to preserve the FAQ.

Look in rec.radio.amateur.misc, rec.radio.info, rec.answers, or news.answers. If the FAQ has expired at your site, try Option #3 (and ask your news

administrator to honor expiration dates for articles cross-posted to news.answers if he/she can.)

Option #3: Anonymous FTP

Anonymous FTP uses the File Transfer Protocol. It is only available to sites which are directly connected to the Internet. If you don't know how to use FTP and can't find a friend to help you, continue to Option #4. If your site is not connected to the Internet, you should also continue to Option #4.

The following sites have copies of the FAQ:

site name & address path to FAQ articles

ftp.amdahl.com pub/radio/amateur/faq.[1-3].Z
 located in western USA, FAQ updated daily
ftp.cs.buffalo.edu pub/ham-radio/faq_ham_[1-3]
 located in eastern USA, FAQ updated monthly
rtfm.mit.edu pub/usenet/news.answers/radio/ham-radio/faq/part*
 located in eastern USA, FAQ updated monthly
 contains news.answers archive - most UseNet FAQs are here
grivel.une.edu.au pub/ham-radio/buffalo/ham-radio/faq_ham_[1-3]
 located in Australia, FAQ updated monthly
 (Ham files mirrored from buffalo/funet/ucsd daily)
nic.funet.fi pub/ham/info/faq_ham_[1-3]
 located in Finland, FAQ updated monthly

Remember, when connecting to the remote system, use the login name of "anonymous" and, as a courtesy to the site administrators, your e-mail address for the password.

Option #4: Electronic Mail Server

If you can't use Options 1 or 2, your only remaining option is electronic mail. You can retrieve a copy of the FAQ by sending a message to
 mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu

The body of your mail will contain a command for the mail server software. To get all of the FAQ (consisting of 70K of e-mail in 3 parts), place the following in the first line of your message:

 send usenet/news.answers/radio/ham-radio/faq/*

Leave out the subject of your message because the mail server will ignore it.

--- begin sample mail message ---

To: mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu

From: me@here.org

Date: Mon Aug 14 22:27:33 PDT 1995

send usenet/news.answers/radio/ham-radio/faq/*
--- end sample mail message ---

Option #5: Mail List Subscription

If you prefer, you may get the FAQ and other periodic Ham Radio information as it gets posted. All the information posted to rec.radio.info can be obtained through the UCSD list server via the "radio-info" mail list. To subscribe, send an e-mail to

listserv@ucsd.edu

Similar to the e-mail server listed above, just send a single-line message
subscribe radio-info

If you need more information, the listserv program also accepts a "help" command. Just keep it on a separate line in the message.

Option #6: Gopher

You can access gopher servers on TCP port 70 (gopher protocol) at the following locations which carry the Ham Radio FAQ:

cc1.kuleuven.ac.be
jupiter.sun.csd.unb.ca
gopher.univ-lyon1.fr
ftp.win.tue.nl
gopher.win.tue.nl

For more information on gopher, see the comp.infosystems.gopher newsgroup.

Option #7: Wide Area Information Server (WAIS)

In addition to the other services mentioned above, rtfm.mit.edu offers a WAIS server on TCP port 210. Use the "usenet" database to access the FAQ.

For more information on WAIS, see the comp.infosystems.wais newsgroup.

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--Asking Questions-----

If you have questions about Amateur Radio (a.k.a. Ham Radio), please read the FAQ. If your question is not answered there, check if you have any other sources (i.e. Mosaic/WWW) before proceeding. If you still don't have an answer, post your question to the most appropriate rec.radio.amateur.* newsgroup. And be sure to mention where you have already looked for the answer so people won't mistakenly tell you to try them again.

Thank you for doing your part to conserve network bandwidth!

--Submitting changes for the FAQ-----

If you have comments or updates for the FAQ, send e-mail to
hamradio-faq@amdahl.com

This will send mail to all the people on the FAQ editorial review group.

--Call for FAQ Editors-----

As with any volunteer effort, new volunteers are often needed. We need a new editor to post the Ham Radio FAQ. Preferably this should be someone who has enthusiasm for Ham Radio, experience with UseNet, and

the ability to work with the other editors. No single person can know all the various aspects of this diverse hobby so the editorial review group is intended to make a greater combination of experience.

The FAQ is currently posted with the AUTO-FAQ software, which is written in PERL. So it would be a plus for volunteers to post the FAQ to have PERL installed on their system and be able to use "cron" or "at" so that postings can go unattended.

Anyone who wants to make their contribution to the Net as a volunteer should contact hamradio-faq@amdahl.com.

Date: 31 Oct 1994 19:24:14 GMT
From: brian@nothing.ucsd.edu (Brian Kantor)
Subject: IP Address

In article <38qvud\$ft5@bingnet1.cc.binghamton.edu>
bd27015@bingsuns.cc.binghamton.edu (Phlatline) writes:

>I have a question about IP addresses. I have my liscense and i am
>looking to open up a packet station.

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> 1) Are the IP address "permenant" meaning that it's mine for
> as long as i want? or are they just unique ip's that are put
> into an address base on a nameserver based upon my callsign?

It's the address on the AMPR network that your station is assigned.
It won't work on any other network. It's yours until you abandon it.

> 2) Do I have to have a station up shortly after i get the IP
> or can i just get the IP and hang on to it until i get the
> station up and running?

Your local IP address coordinator will assign an address to you upon request. It would be nice if you used it for something. Typically it will be yours until you move (they are regional at this time) or until you give it up or abandon it or die.

- Brian

Date: 30 Oct 1994 13:08:08 -0500
From: tomsunman@aol.com (TOM SUNMAN)
Subject: I PASSED MY TECH TODAY!!!

I Passed my Technician exams today!!! I can hardly contain myself!
Thanks to all who answered my questions about HT's, I went with the

HTX-202. Nice Rig.

Now comes the hard part.....waiting for the license!!! What a thrill, I can hardly wait!

73's to all

Tom Randall
(waiting for his callsign!)

Date: Mon, 31 Oct 1994 14:36:25 GMT
From: jwdxt@csn.org (Jim Deeming)
Subject: Jpole in the woods success story

My brother and I kept in touch during our elk hunt in the Colorado Rockies via 2Meter HTs. Taking terrain into consideration, there were very few times we could not connect.

When my brother shot his 6 point bull elk, he summoned my help for the fun part. When I found him, I took my radio apart and stuffed it in a pocket - one with a hole in it. I subsequently lost my rubber duck. Back at base camp I had the trusty TV twin lead jpole. For the remainder of the hunt, I used the jpole, slung over my shoulder and dangling down inside my coat with equal success to the rubber duck. I was also able to make several simplex contacts with another friend hunting over 10 miles away. All three of us use Yaesu FT530s.

- What fun !

Jim D
KB0MED

Date: Mon, 31 Oct 1994 14:32:23 GMT
From: bsplaine@dogxray.sr.hp.com (Bill Splaine)
Subject: LOGIC (Logbook Program)????

Bill Turner (wrt@eskimo.com) wrote:

: <38mf6u\$fd5@nntpd.lkg.dec.com>

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:

: Ok, you rang my bell... I have a problem with LOGIC, at least version
: 3. The very first logging program I ever used was LOGIC Jr, which I
: thought was a good program, did as advertised, but lacked some bells and
: whistles. I ran it for about two years, fat dumb and happy, and then
: the factory made a serious mistake. They sent me an ad about upgrading
: to LOGIC 3. Lots of bells and whistles, all the good stuff. Naturally,
: thinking that if it costs more, it's got to be better, I sent in the \$\$

: for the upgrade. Wrong. It DID do what it said - no false advertising
: here - but it was sloooooooooow.... one could take a nap waiting for it to
: do even the most basic things like switch from the active logging window
: to the log edit window. ZZZZZZZZ..... By comparison, LOGIC Jr was
: lightning fast. Press the key and the info was there, bang!

(snip)

Bill must have some sort of problem with the way he set it up.... Mine is
pretty darn fast for a database... I can do sorts such as a (F)ind or a
(G)et in seconds... when it comes to doing updates of the entire database,
it does take minutes, but who does that everyday? In the active logging mode
when I am trying to find something... Bang... it's there.. It indicates
dups immediately.... I can't say the basic things are a ZZZZZ at all.
Even with my Logic4 which is windows based is pretty darn fast... I am willing
to trade a few microseconds for the windows environment...

Bill/N6GHG

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\      Santa Rosa, CA 95403          FAX     > (707) 577-2095        /
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Date: Sun, 30 Oct 1994 19:22:06 GMT
From: jeffrey@kahuna.tmc.edu (Jeffrey Herman)
Subject: Motorola Mitreks

gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman) writes:

>What you don't seem to realize, Jeff, is that the 450-470 Motos
>are *different* from the 420 models. There are several changes
>that must be done to the transmit and receive decks to move them
>that far which are *not* trivial. Hence your pointer is not too
>helpful.

So Mitreks are made-to-order for 420 MHz? I didn't realize Motorola
made their redios available on the ham frequencies. I assumed he
was looking for an already converted 450-470 model but if the
price was right he'd do the converting himself.

Jeff NH6IL

Date: 30 Oct 1994 19:45 CDT

From: ami9667@venus.tamu.edu (IACOVIDES, ANDREAS MICHAEL)
Subject: Need information on ATV interface

Hi, I'm trying to key an ATV transceiver to send data that is coming out of an ethernet card. There is an interface in between but there are several problems still, like fitting 10 Mbps (20 Mbaud because of the Manchester line code) into 4.5 MHz of the ATV.

Any information would be appreciated.

Andreas Iacovides 5B4SJ

Date: Sun, 30 Oct 94 13:36:22 -0500
From: wcoyle@delphi.com
Subject: No code Techs and CW...

I didn't mean anyone in particular, I just ment those in the No-code tech class who, in my opinion are a minority for the folks, who are whining and complaining and are constantly asking the government to give them a code exemption. Most of the no code folks out there who want to upgrade are willing to make the effort.

The largest class of ticket holders in Ham radio are technicians, and I would sure like to see everyone who wants an upgrade to get one, but when someone comes into a testing session and has been studying CW for 2 weeks, and wants to pass the 13wpm, I get kinda riled up.

73
Wcoyle@delphi.com
N30GH

Date: Mon, 31 Oct 1994 15:58:32 GMT
From: dara@physics.att.com (Shel Darack)
Subject: No License to Extra Leap?

Arthur Chandler (arthurc@crl.com) wrote:
: Has there ever been anyone who walked into a licensing examination with
: no license at all, passed everything, and walked out amateur extra? If
: not, what's the biggest leap anyone has heard of? I took someone to an
: exam site, and he went from Tech + to Advanced in one leap -- passed the
: 13 wpm, general, advanced, and even the extra exam. Couldn't quite handle

: the 20 wpm, however.

Sure, some guy walked in and did the 20 wpm cw and theory exams through Advanced. It was getting late so they told him he would have to come back next time for the extra theory. Which he did. I was a VE at the session when he passed the theory.
Shel

Date: Mon, 31 Oct 1994 16:10:43 GMT
From: jjmartin@world.std.com (James J Martin)
Subject: YAESU 900 and KENWOOD 50S

VEKINIS Peter (pve@dg13.cec.BE) wrote:

: I bought a TS50S about a year ago, and it has become my favorite radio. As a
: real mobile fan, I installed it in the car and use it every day on a net on
: 20m. It's a great little radio. With the MFJ 949D mobile tuner (an extra
: \$89) it works on most bands with the 20m Hustler whip. I bought it for \$990
: plus the \$89 for the tuner. A great combination.

: Then the 900 was advertized. As someone who likes bying newly released
: radios for mobile/portable operation, I bought it from HRO as well (it cost
: \$1230). I also bought the mobile mount and the remote kit (the cable to
: extend the placement of the front panel).

: Well as soon as I connected it, it didnt work. I reset it and got pretty
: upset about it (I had bought a 747 about 1.5 years ago, and the wide AM
: filter was broken - so much about my Yaesu experience), but it still didnt
: work. It didnt turn on. Then my friend Dan, KA7AGN/DA1DW switched the
: battery switch off, reset it and voila! It worked. This leads me to believe:
: 1/static is a problem for the 900, and 2/Information that may help the user
: was not in the manual; it should have been.

: So if you buy a 900, remember that if it doesnt turn-on, it may be a reset
: static problem. Underneath the unit there is a Battery switch, push it to
: off, reset the radio, and put the battery switch back to on. It should work.

Thanks for the info that I can pass on. I haven't seen the problem as of yet but will keep an eye out for it. Say hi to Dan for me when you see him. I spoke to him via L/L a few weeks ago. I knew Dan when he was a student at Keesler AFB and I was the prez of the radio club there. As a matter of fact I gave him a ride to Cocoa Beach after he graduated from Tech School. I was an air tragic control instructor at Keesler and was stationed at Patrick before that.

I recently started working at HRO in Salem, NH and was surprised when Dan

called. I just happened to take that call. Didn't recognize the voice but remembered the call sign..KA7AGN. Small World! I was KA5MWD then N1CLS and then KB1LW in Mississippi. Just got WK1V in October of 90. Oh, I was in Mississippi from June 81 till Sept 85.

Oh well, so much for the life history. Sure is a small; world though.

73 fer now. :)

-jim- WK1V
Retired Blue-Suiter

Date: Sun, 30 Oct 94 13:27:08 -0500
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<38v8ui\$1p8@gti.gti.net>
Subject: Re: Earth Ground (was: ARRL And Gay Hams Settle Complaint)

Yes, I do that is my call sign N30GH. I've had my ticket for about 2 years now and have had my general for about 1 year now, why do you ask?

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<7@pickburn.demon.co.uk>
Subject: Re: HOW TO LEARN CW???

Computer generated random letters are the way to go. Only thing that got me to 13wpm was my PC. After all that random, actual words are easy!

73
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N30GH

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<1994Oct30.033118.12056@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>

Subject: Re: No code Techs and CW...

Well, this is self evident, I mean look at all those Extra
class hams!

Hi Hi!

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